



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 374A
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA 90012**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2011
1:00 PM**

ROLL CALL

Present: President Neal, Vice President Troost, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Teran, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Weller, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Chang

Absent: Commissioner Gureckas

Excused: Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Welt Narro and Commissioner Rubenstein

The meeting was called to order by President Neal at 1:10 p.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting of January 19, 2011. (11-0615)

On motion of Vice-President Troost, seconded by Commissioner James, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - President Neal, Vice President Troost, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Teran and Commissioner Wright

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Weller

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Chang

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Welt Narro and Commissioner Rubenstein

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II. SET MATTERS**2. 1:30 P.M.**

Report to be provided by Steven Simon on the status of the City of Los Angeles' Department on Disability. (11-0485)

This item was taken off calendar.

3. 2:00 P.M.

Presentation on Transportation Project from Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) as submitted by Brendan Parker, Consultant of Human Services - Administration for MTA. (11-0851)

Mr. Parker presented an overview of the (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Metro project and responded to questions posed by the Commission. Metro has been addressing ADA accessibility issues and hopes to reach out to more people with disabilities that ride Metro and make their experience more positive. Mr. Parker requested assistance from the Commission to reach out to independent living centers or any other resource that provide transportation training skills and see how Metro can partner with these agencies to improve their training. Commissioner Chang provided her office information and requested he submit a written plan of the project. President Neal requested he contact her to be a guest speaker at her radio show to reach more people.

III. REPORTS**4. Presidents report as submitted for the month of February. (11-0856)**

President Neal read for the Commission the lyrics to "Lift Every Voice And Sing". She also highlighted on an article she read regarding a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles. She will report back to the Commission on any development.

5. **Monthly Executive and Public Relations Committee Report. (Continued from the meeting of January 19, 2011.) (11-0416)**

The Executive Committee discussed the emergency management plan, on a generic transportation complaint form to keep track on those complaints and an announcement form to allow Commissioners a way to submit their announcements prior to the meeting. President Neal requested Commissioner Teran be the Historian for the Commission to keep track of what is happening within the Commission and for future reference as to the intent of the Commission for any particular project. She asked since the radio show now provides DVDs of each show, that it be included in the historical files. After discussion, the report was received and filed.

6. **Monthly Events Committee report for the months of December 2010 and January 2011. (Continued from the meeting of January 19, 2011) (11-0418)**

President Neal reported on the Events Committee meetings held in January and February. There was a briefly discussion about February as Black History Month, and also about the passing of Sherry Gamson. In the past two months, the Committee has been able to finalize several items for the upcoming Access Awards Luncheon. The awards luncheon will take place at the Kyoto Hotel on Monday, October 17, 2011. In an effort to increase revenue, the ticket price will increase from \$60 to \$65 and a table price will increase from \$500 to \$550. If the event raises more money than the Commission may be able to increase the number of scholarships they give out in 2012. The Committee discussed potential nominees, Souvenir Program, Bill Tainter Scholarship Program. Commissioner Wright requested the Committee take a better look at the menu for the event, as some attendees at the last luncheon were not pleased with the taste of the what was given. After discussion, this item was received and filed.

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7. **Transportation Committee Report including discussion of paratransit complaints. (11-0819)**

There was no report to present. President Neal stated that ever since the Commission opened this issue, there has not been any more added complaints from last reported. There was no further discussion and no action was taken.

8. **Report on Access Board Meeting attended by Kurt Hagen, Commission on Disabilities appointed Access Board Representative. (Continued from the meeting of January 16, 2011.) (11-0471)**

Mr. Hagen gave an summary from a rider's perspective and from the constituent base audience being presented. The Strategic Planning Workshop/Board Retreat was very positive. The retreat created more unity within the Board as far as responsibilities of the Board and the riders. There was a review of each Board member in which the Board was evaluated to better understand and show an overall organizational strength and opportunities for improvement. There is now a better understanding of the rider perspective.

Mr. Hagen responded to questions posed by the Commission. President Neal requested Mr. Hagen bring before the Board the issue of drivers parking illegally in the handicap spaces as previously brought to the attention of Access Services representative, Louis Burns.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

After further discussion, the report was received and filed.

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9. **Report by Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Officer for Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO) or a METRO representative. (Continued from the meeting of January 19, 2011.) (11-0475)**

This item was continued to the meeting of April 16, 2011.

- 10. Report by Angela Davis J.D., Acting Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights of the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance. (Continued from the meeting of January 19, 2011.) (11-0478)**

Mr. Kurt Hagen presented a report on behalf of Angela Davis and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Daniel Garcia address the Commission.

After discussion, the item was received and filed.

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- 11. Monthly Access Services Report by Giovanna Gogreve, Operations Analyst of Access Services or a representative from Access Services. (11-0611)**

Luis Pacheco, Safety Analyst for Access Services presented information regarding Access Services' Incentive Program. Giovanna Gogreve reiterated the agency's focus on Safety and accountability. Louis Burns wanted to emphasize Commissioners call the Customer Service Department at 800-827-0829 and call give feedback to Access Services. He researched information on the Handicap parking policy and found that there was none available due to the fact that it is against the Law. In an effort to more aggressively approach the concerns submitted by various members of the public, a letter was issued to have operators be notified that "Under the directive of Access Services any improper utilization of Disabled/Handicap parking stalls will not be tolerated." A copy of this letter was submitted to the Commission for reference.

After much discussion, their reports were received and filed.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

12. Items not posted on the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of
- 12A. Recommendation as submitted by President Neal: Send letter to the Office of Affirmative Action on the ADA requirements of manmade barriers such as elevators to start improving the accessibility of County facilities. (11-0946)

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-0948)
- Daniel Garcia, Phyllis Coto, Robert Coto and Sawako Nitao addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

14. The meeting for the meeting of February 16, 2011 adjourned at 2:50 p.m.